

7. Dr. Farooq Abdullah, President, Jammu & Kashmir National Conference.
8. Shri Sharad Yadav, President, Janata Dal (United)
9. Shri Vaiko, President, Marumalarchi Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam
10. Shri Zoramthanga, President, Mizo National Front
11. Shri Syed Mohammedali Shihab Thangal, President, Muslim League Kerala State Committee
12. Shri G.K. Mani, President, Pattali Makkal Katchi
13. Shri Laloo Prasad Yadav, President, Rashtriya Janata Dal
14. Shri Mulayam Singh Yadav, President, Samajwadi Party
15. Smt. Jaya Jaitly, President, Samata Party
16. Shri Prakash Singh Badal, President, Shiromani Akali Dal (Badal)
17. Shri Balasaheb Thakeray, President, Shiv Sena
18. Shri Pawan Chamling, President, Sikkim Democratic Front
19. Shri G.K. Moopanar, President, Tamil Maanila Congress (Moopanar)
20. Shri N. Chandrababu Naidu, President, Telugu Desam

The Cabinet Secretary will be the Member-Secretary of the National Committee.

Indo Pak Dialogue

*34. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pak Chief Executive Officer Pervez Musharraf and the Indian Prime Minister talked on phone, recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) since when there has been no official dialogue between two countries and the steps taken towards confidence building measures, so far?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) General Pervez Musharraf, Chief Executive of Pakistan called Prime Minister Atal Bihar Vajpayee on 2nd February 2001 to convey his sympathy at the great loss of life and property caused by the earthquake in Gujarat. Prime Minister thanked the

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Chief Executive of Pakistan. Prime Minister also assured the Chief Executive of India's continuing desire to build good neighbourly relations with Pakistan.

(c) India has time and again reiterated its commitment to resume the Composite Dialogue, which was put in place at India's initiative. An appropriate environment is an obvious requirement for a meaningful dialogue. Pakistan's continued sponsorship of cross border terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir and other parts of India, stepped up following its military defeat at Kargil in 1999, has not permitted the creation of such an environment. Government is of the view that the Simla Agreement and Lahore Declaration remain as the cornerstones of Indo Pakistan bilateral relations.

ESI hospitals in Tirupati and Nizamabad

*35. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has approached the Central Government to advise the ESI Corporation to hand over the buildings to the State for commissioning ESI hospitals in Tirupati and Nizamabad in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether such buildings have already been completed in all respects and how many such buildings are ready for handing over to the State Government; and

(c) by when all the buildings are expected to be handed over to the State Government to provide medical facilities to workers and their families?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) to (c) The work relating to construction of the ESI hospitals at Tirupati and Nizamabad has been completed and buildings handed over to State Govt. of Andhra Pradesh after which the hospital at Tirupati has been commissioned by the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh from 8.7.99 and the hospital at Nizamabad from 29.12.2000.